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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: Termination of suspension of liquidation in the countervailing duty investigation of Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China (C-570-984)

1. In keeping with the World Trade Organization agreement on subsidies and countervailing measures, Commerce is instructing CBP to discontinue the suspension of liquidation of entries concerning the countervailing duty investigation of Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China effective 12/04/2012, which is 120 days after the date of publication of Commerce's preliminary determination.

2. The products covered by the scope of this investigation are stainless steel sinks with single or multiple drawn bowls, with or without drain boards, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of type of finish, gauge, or grade of stainless steel ("SS sinks"). Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound-deadening pads are also covered by the scope of this investigation if they are included within the sales price of the SS sinks (See Footnote 1). For purposes of this scope definition, the term "drawn" refers to a manufacturing process using metal forming technology to produce a smooth basin with seamless, smooth, and rounded corners.

SS sinks are available in various shapes and configurations and may be described in a number of ways including flush mount, top mount, or undermount (to indicate the attachment relative to the countertop). SS sinks with multiple drawn bowls that are joined through a welding operation to form one unit are covered by the scope of the investigation. SS sinks are covered by the scope of the investigation whether or not they are sold in conjunction with non-subject accessories such as faucets (whether attached or unattached), strainers, strainer sets, rinsing baskets, bottom grids, or other accessories.

Excluded from the scope of the investigation are SS sinks with fabricated bowls. Fabricated bowls do not have seamless corners, but rather are made by notching and bending the stainless steel, and then welding and finishing the vertical corners to form the bowls. SS sinks with fabricated bowls may sometimes be referred to as "zero radius" or "near zero radius" sinks.

The products covered by this investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under statistical reporting numbers 7324.10.0000 and

7324.10.0010. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the products under investigation is dispositive of its inclusion as subject merchandise.

Footnote 1: Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound deadening pads are not covered by the scope of this investigation if they are not included within the sales price of the SS sinks, regardless of whether they are shipped with or entered with SS sinks.

3. This investigation has been assigned investigation number C-570-984.

4. CBP shall discontinue the suspension of liquidation for countervailing duty purposes on all shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after 12/04/2012. The suspension of liquidation will not be resumed unless and until the final determination on this case is published in the Federal Register by the ITC. CBP shall continue to suspend liquidation on all shipments entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption made during the period 08/06/2012 through 12/03/2012 until the conclusion of the countervailing duty investigation.

5. These discontinuation instructions do not affect the requirements of a cash deposit or bond on entries subject to the suspension of liquidation announced in Commerce's preliminary determination in the companion antidumping duty investigation of Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from the People's Republic of China.

6. If there are any questions by the importing public regarding this message, please contact the Call Center for the Office of AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-0984. CBP ports should submit their inquiries through authorized CBP channels only. (This message was generated by O1: SS.)

7. There are no restrictions on the release of this information.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party